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SUBJ: SYRIAN CONVERSATION WITH SYG

1. SYG TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR BENNETT AT 6:30 P.M. TO SAY HE HAD HAD ANOTHER VISIT FROM SYRIAN DEPUTY FONMIN. SYRIAN HAD REQUESTED HIM TO INQUIRE OF US RE MEANING OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT TODAY REFERRING TO SITUATIONS IN LEBANON IN 1958 AND JORDAN IN 1970. SYRIAN SAID ALL ARABS WERE SPECULATING WHETHER THIS MEANT US PREPARED TO SEND TROOPS.

2. BENNETT READ TO SYG DIRECTLY FROM PERTIENT EXCERPTS OF MCCLOSKEY'S PRESS BRIEFING AND HAS SENT SYG A COPY. BENNETT EMPHASIZED PARTICULARLY MCCLOSKEY'S EXPLANATION TO EFFECT PRESIDENT SPEAKING ABOUT BROAD POLICY OBJECTIVE AS PEACEMAKER RATHER THAN ABOUT SPECIFIC TACTICS AND STRESSED THAT US STANDS FOR RIGHT OF EVERY NATION IN MIDDLE EAST TO MAINTAIN ITS INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY.

3. IN FURTHER CONVERSATION, BENNETT, CONFINING HIS REMARKS TO ACTUAL TEXT OF MCCLOSKEY STATEMENT FURNISHED IN DEPTTEL 203890/1, READ TO SYG ANSWER TO QUESTION ABOUT RESUPPLY OF ISRAEL. HE EMPHASIZED US
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SUPPLY DESIGNED TO PREVENT MASSIVE AIRLIFT BY SOVIETS

FROM UNSETTLING MILITARY BALANCE IN AREA. HE ALSO
QUOTED MCCLOSKEY ANSWER RE SIZE OF SOVIET AIRLIFT
AND NUMBER OF FLIGHTS INVOLVED.

4. HE CONCLUDED BY ASKING SYG TO CONVEY ABOVE
INFORMATION TO SYRIAN AND SYG SAID HE WOULD DO SO.
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